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(C) In response to reftel demarche, MFA CFE specialist, Lars Loken, welcomed the information, calling it a key step. Norway believes it is critical to aim for the adapted treaty and maintain the whole package. Norway is especially sensitive to the flank issues and possible Baltic impact on those. Regarding Norway's ratification procedures, he explained that the current GON thinking is that this matter would not need to go to Parliament. This would make the process much faster than normal, but it is politically sensitive to take this route.

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